

In the morning, with pale, haggard face, he called at Mr. Perrin's house, as he had promised, and was shown into the drawing room.

He had hardly been there a moment before Walter Jerrard entered the room. He gazed at Evison in a rather shamefaced manner, but the latter took no notice of him.

"I've asked Uncle to get you a good job somewhere," Jerrard blurted out at length.

"Indeed," replied Evison, "that was really very good of you, especially after your charitable behavior of last evening."

"Oh! you would have done the same in my position," sneered Jerrard. "Besides if you had told Uncle what you had seen I should have denied it, and my word is as good as yours any day."

"But what about your constant meetings with Mortimer near the Beacon?"

Jerrard changed color and glanced malevolently at his companion.

"Seems to me you've been watching me pretty much," he said.

"It was quite an accident; and while on that subject despite your friend's indisputable prowess in untruthfulness, do you think he could deny this?" As he spoke Evison exhibited the sheet of paper on which Mortimer had commenced to make his copy of the tender for the liners.

Jerrard was completely nonplussed; his face grew livid with combined fear and fury.

"Oh, don't be alarmed," said Evison; "I shall not show the paper to Mr. Perrin. But please remember that it is only for Miss Perrin's sake that I am taking the blame of your scandalous behavior."

Jerrard mumbled an inaudible reply.

"If you had not been engaged to Miss Perrin I should have denounced you on the spot; as it is—"

"You will denounce him now," said a voice.

Evison and Jerrard turned to see the curtains by the garden window thrown aside and Dorothy Perrin, with pale face, standing before them.

"I was looking out into the garden when I heard your voices," she explained, "and thinking you would not be long I waited, and glad I am that I did wait."

"But you mustn't take any notice of what you heard—" began Evison; but Dorothy interrupted.

"I must take notice," she cried; "Walter told you that he was engaged to me, and I tell you that it is not true. I have never been engaged to him, and I would rather marry any man on earth than him."

A great wave of joy rushed over Evison, and his heart beat with wonderful rapidity. He was about to speak when he was interrupted by Mr. Perrin's entrance.

"What does this mean?" he asked. "Dorothy, Walter, why are you both here?"

"To save an innocent man," cried Dorothy. "Listen, Father," and immediately she began to pour forth all that she had heard.

"Is this true?" demanded Mr. Perrin, in grim tones, when his daughter had finished speaking. Evison bowed his head, inwardly wishing himself miles away.

"Give me that paper," Mr. Perrin continued. Mechanically Evison handed it to him. Then he looked up and caught Dorothy's eyes fixed on him with an expression new to him—an expression which sent the blood coursing madly through his veins.

"Well, sir," Mr. Perrin said, sternly, addressing himself to his nephew, "what have you to say for yourself?"

"Nothing," returned that worthy. "Nothing!" repeated Mr. Perrin in low tones. "By heaven! you are a disgrace. Listen to me, sir, I give you a week to make arrangements in, and then you leave my house and my employment."

Mr. Perrin stood aside and Walter Jerrard silently left the room.

"Now, my boy, what can I say to you," said Mr. Perrin, "I would you and my nephew could have changed places for I should be proud indeed,

for you to be a member of my family."

"That is easily arranged, sir," added Arthur, emboldened by what he had read in Dorothy's eyes.

"Eh? What do you mean?"

"By granting me the permission you refused last week." As he spoke Evison took Dorothy by the hand and drew her not unwillingly to his side.

"It seems to me that you have already taken it," replied Mr. Perrin, smiling as he spoke. "Well, well; take her, my lad, and God bless you both."

The other day Mrs. Arthur Evison christened one of the two new liners built by Messrs. John Perrin & Co., for the North Atlantic Steamship Company.—Tit-Bits.

Experience in Originating a New Variety of Field Corn.

The ordinary yield of corn on the average Florida farm is not creditable to their owners. Improper methods of preparation and cultivation are largely responsible for this, but poor seed, or seed not adapted to the soil and climate are quite as much so.

Some months ago we printed an account, written by one of our subscribers, of the method by which his father improved his seed corn. We have found, in the Southern Planter description of the plan by which a Virginia farmer is working to produce a strain of seed corn that will be adapted to his needs. The same route is open to you if you choose to follow it:

The origin of a variety rarely fails to awaken interest. Those who are not familiar with the details of such work often associate something very strange and mysterious with the origin of varieties. While the work is simple, still, to originate new varieties; in the case of animals, we would say breeds; is one of the greatest works of the human hand. From these come better food and raiment, and in more abundance, to sustain life. A good farmer will always be willing to spend money in trying to obtain better varieties. Vast improvements are now being made in varieties and the farmer himself can do much of this work upon his own farm. This can be done by careful seed selection and by plant breeding, the details of which I will not attempt to discuss now.

It is most frequently the case that varieties are better adapted to the locality where they originate than when originated in entirely different sections. The farmer may order seed corn from any other locality and find it producing an overgrown stalk and ripening very late, and thus become discouraged with "new varieties of corn."

During the past two years I have been trying to improve my common field corn. One line of work has been along the line of selection alone and the other along the line of selection and plant breeding. Improvement has been made in both lines.

I started with an excellent "pedigreed" white corn that had showed a high per cent. of "protein," obtained from a prominent seed firm of Iowa. The ears carried their thickness to the tip end, and the rows were straight and even, the grains were wedge shaped, and came out over each end, but the ears were very short and the corn ripened a little late.

I had another very large, flinty, yellow variety that had taken a premium at one of the World's Fairs. The variety was early and the ears extremely long, but were too tapering at the tip end. The grains were too short and thick and the cobs were rather large.

After selecting the best ears I planted the varieties by the side of each other and secured a number of crosses. From the best white ears I selected grains that were of a golden color and showed the cross unmistakably. These were planted by themselves last spring. Last fall I gathered some most excellent ears of corn from this cross. They were better than those of each parent from which

WOMAN'S TRIALS.

Her Bitter Disappointment.

The bitter trail in a woman's life is to be childless. Who can tell how hard the struggle may have been ere she learnt to resign herself to her lonely lot? The absence of this link to bind marital life together, the absence of this one pledge to mutual affection is a common disappointment. Many unfortunate couples become estranged thereby. Even if they do not drift apart, one may read the whole extent of their disappointment in the eyes of such a childless couple when they rest on the children of others. To them the largest family does not seem too numerous. It will rather appear to them that those on whom this blessing has been most richly bestowed hardly value it sufficiently.

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The only rational way to attempt to cure disease is by assisting the natural functions of the body, and to do that there is nothing like Nature's remedies which act in Nature's way, toning and invigorating the digestive organs, the liver, the stomach and bowels and the nervous system, which always suffers to a great extent in all the various derangements of the organs distinctly feminine.

The medicine of known composition is the one to rely upon—the one that has a record of nearly forty years of cures—the one devised and manufactured by a regularly graduated and experienced practitioner of medicine. By addressing Dr. R. V. Pierce, at Buffalo, N. Y., you may secure, free, a little pamphlet giving numerous extracts from many medical

writers of prominence, extolling the various ingredients which enter into Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is worth looking over if you are a sufferer.

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I started. However, about half the grains on each ear had a deep golden color while the others were white. The ears were high up on some stalks and low down on others. The grains were very broad and deep and came out prominently to the tips. There were from seven to nine hundred and fifty large grains of corn to the ear. The corn is extremely solid and medium early. I believe I have the foundation started for an excellent golden yellow corn well adapted to my locality. I have none for sale. Further selection is necessary in fixing the type to a low heavy stalk and the grains to a uniform color.

The whitest grains from the best ears will be planted this year with the hope of obtaining a good bread corn as well as a stock food corn. If this cross fulfills its promise it will

add about twenty bushels of corn to the acre in my crop. Of course careful selection of a good type of stalk and ear must be followed up to "fix the type." Barren stalks must not be allowed to fertilize the "shoots" on productive stalks. If the farmer would plant a small "seed piece" of ground by itself where he could improve his type of seed corn by selection and breeding it would pay well. Let us have "pedigreed" seeds as well as "pedigreed" stock.

Sharps, Fla., Jan. 25, 1905.

Mr. E. O. Painter.

My fruit has never kept as well on the trees or as well en route to market. Trees bear well; scale is less than for years; not 15 boxes of russets in 500. No spraying done either. Oranges large 150 and 125.